

**Preliminary Amendment of U.S. National Stage for International Application  
PCT/EP2004/003558 filed April 3, 2004**

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-11 have been deleted and claims 12-24 have been added in the instant application.

The Specification has been amended to delete certain section headings and to insert the preferred section headings pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.77. It is submitted that the amendments to the Specification made herein introduce no new matter. New paragraphs and Section Headings have been added in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121(b)(1)(i) & (iii), and deletions indicated in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121(b)(1)(i) & (iv). Entry of the amendments to the Specification made herein is therefore proper and respectfully requested.

Original claims 1-11 have been canceled and replaced with new claims 12-24 in order to remove multiple dependencies and to better conform with appropriate U.S. claim format, and not for any reason, which relates to the statutory requirements for a patent. New claims 12-24 have not been added in response to any rejection, or in anticipation of any rejection. Applicants respectfully submit that the scope of new claims 12-24 generally corresponds to the scope of original claims 1-11, and that new claims 12-24 are no narrower than original claims 1-11. Furthermore, although a moot point in view of their cancellation, Applicants respectfully submit that original claims 1-11 satisfied the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, as filed. New claims 12-24 are supported by the claims as originally filed and in the Specification and Examples. No new matter has been introduced. A complete listing of all claims ever presented is included herein in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c). Entry is therefore proper and respectfully requested.

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Prompt examination of the instant application in view of the amendments made herein  
is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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